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TOLERANCE TO  
ELECTROLYTES IN  
APPLICATIONS  
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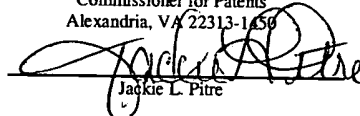
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Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2003 (Paper No. 7), please amend  
the above-captioned application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims, which begins on  
page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.